

National Service in Connecticut

Year in Review



MEETING NEEDS IN CONNECTICUT

Last year more than 1,900 Americans of all ages and backgrounds met local needs, strengthened communities, and expanded economic opportunity through national service in Connecticut. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) invested more than \$9.9 million in federal funding to support cost-effective community solutions, working hand in hand with local partners to empower citizens to solve problems. AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers are preparing today's students for tomorrow's jobs, reducing crime and reviving cities, connecting veterans to services, fighting the opioid epidemic, helping seniors live independently, and rebuilding communities after disasters.

National service participants served at more than 300 locations across Connecticut, including schools, food banks, homeless shelters, health clinics, youth centers, veterans' facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations. Through a unique public-private partnership, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$5.7 million in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in Connecticut in the last year. This local support strengthened community impact and increased the return on taxpayer dollars.

AMERICORPS



Last year, more than 600 AmeriCorps members met pressing local needs across Connecticut, making a lasting impact in communities while gaining valuable skills and experience to advance their careers. AmeriCorps members serve in one of three programs:

- **AmeriCorps State & National** engages men and women in intensive service at thousands of locations across the country through nonprofits, schools, public agencies, tribes, and community and faith-based groups. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Connecticut Commission on Community Service, the Governor-appointed State Service Commission, which in turn awards grants to organizations to respond to local needs.
- **AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America)** taps the skills, talents, and passion of Americans of all ages to support community efforts to overcome poverty.
- **AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps)** is a full-time, team-based residential program for 18-24 year-olds. Members develop leadership skills by contributing to public safety, environment, and disaster projects. FEMA Corps, a unit of NCCC, focuses solely on disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award that can be used to pay for trade school, college, or graduate school; or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 15,000 Connecticut residents have served approximately 22 million hours and earned education awards totaling more than \$53.6 million.

SENIOR CORPS



Senior Corps taps the skills, talents, and experience of Americans age 55 and over to meet a wide range of community challenges. Last year, more than 1,300 Connecticut seniors met critical community needs while contributing to their own health and well-being through one of three Senior Corps programs:

- **Foster Grandparents** serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to young people with exceptional needs.
- **Senior Companions** help seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes.
- **RSVP volunteers** conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services.

Last year, Foster Grandparents tutored and mentored 950 young people, Senior Companions helped 240 seniors live independently, and RSVP volunteers strengthened the impact of 80 organizations across Connecticut.

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To see other reports about national service in Connecticut, please contact CT@cns.gov. The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. To learn more about the Corporation for National and Community Service, visit NationalService.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

Our Focus Areas



Disaster Services



Economic & Workforce Development



Education



Energy & Conservation



Health & Aging



Veterans and Military Families

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At a Glance Report

| AmeriCorps | Projects | Service Locations | Completed Participants | Education Scholarships | Federal Funding |
|--|-----------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| AmeriCorps National | 9 | 11 | 98 | \$495,848 | \$1,030,190 |
| AmeriCorps NCCC | 3 | 3 | 19 | - | - |
| AmeriCorps State | 9 | 148 | 454 | \$1,627,534 | \$2,033,506 |
| AmeriCorps VISTA | 17 | 33 | 56 | \$329,340 | \$898,516 |
| AMERICORPS TOTAL | 38 | 195 | 627 | \$2,452,722 | \$3,962,212 |
| Senior Corps | Projects | Service Locations | Completed Participants | Education Scholarships | Federal Funding |
| Foster Grandparent Program | 4 | 71 | 306 | - | \$1,502,410 |
| RSVP | 5 | 88 | 915 | - | \$622,914 |
| Senior Companion Program | 2 | 21 | 141 | - | \$682,344 |
| SENIOR CORPS TOTAL | 11 | 180 | 1,362 | - | \$2,807,668 |
| Other Funding | Projects | Service Locations | Completed Participants | Education Scholarships | Federal Funding |
| State Commission Investment Funds | 2 | - | - | - | \$415,082 |
| State Commission Operations Support | 1 | - | - | - | \$265,000 |
| Training and Technical Assistance | 2 | - | - | - | \$31,125 |
| OTHER FUNDING TOTAL | 5 | - | - | - | \$711,207 |
| PROGRAM TOTALS | 54 | 375 | 1,989 | \$2,452,722 | \$7,481,088 |
| TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Education Scholarships) | | | | | \$9,933,809 |
| TOTAL LOCAL PROJECT SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources) | | | | | \$5,717,397 |
| TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROJECT SUPPORT | | | | | \$15,651,206 |

National service programs continue to improve lives and communities in Connecticut, with 415 AmeriCorps member and 1,361 Senior Corps volunteers currently serving.

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6. Current participants reflects national service participants currently serving in Connecticut.
7. Total local project support reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees committed to raise in support of their completed grants. As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS grantees leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment.
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Project Report

AmeriCorps

| City | Project Name Sponsor Organization | Program Type | Service Locations | Completed Participants | Education Scholarships | Federal Funding | Current Participants |
|-------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Bethlehem Village | 2019 Land Stewardship and Public Engagement Project (August 19 - September 17, 2019) Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative | AmeriCorps NCCC | 1 | 7 | - | - | - |
| Bridgeport | Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA Campus Compact | AmeriCorps VISTA | 2 | 3 | \$17,760 | \$48,375 | 2 |
| Bridgeport | Cultural and Financial Development Program Goodwill of Western and Northern CT, Inc. | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 1 | \$5,920 | \$16,125 | - |
| Bridgeport | Great Oaks - Bridgeport Great Oaks Foundation Inc | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 65 | \$371,400 | \$804,421 | 38 |
| Bridgeport | Habitat for Humanity International Habitat for Humanity International-2012 | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 1 | \$6,095 | \$16,704 | - |
| Bridgeport | LifeBridge Community Services LifeBridge Community Services | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Bridgeport | Prevention Corps Regional Youth/Adult Social Action Partnership | AmeriCorps State | 18 | 20 | \$82,968 | \$198,002 | 9 |
| Bridgeport | Public Allies Connecticut Public Allies, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 25 | 27 | \$160,015 | \$329,870 | 24 |
| Bristol | Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA Campus Compact | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Cheshire Village | Service To Improve Community Health (STICH) Community Health Center Association of Connecticut | AmeriCorps State | 12 | 20 | \$118,750 | \$279,324 | 11 |
| Georgetown | CL Environmental Stewards The Corps Network | AmeriCorps National | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Hartford | Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA Campus Compact | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 1 | \$5,920 | \$16,125 | - |
| Hartford | Cities of Service City Hall Love Your Block Fund for Cities of Service Inc. | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 2 | \$12,015 | \$32,829 | 1 |
| Hartford | City of Hartford-Promise Zone City of Hartford | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 4 | \$23,680 | \$64,500 | 5 |
| Hartford | Connecticut Statewide Local Initiatives Support Corporation | AmeriCorps National | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Hartford | Hartford Area HFH Habitat for Humanity International, Inc. | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 2 | \$11,840 | \$26,860 | 1 |
| Hartford | Hartford Region Engagement Project YWCA of the Hartford Region, Inc. | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 3 | \$17,935 | \$48,954 | 3 |
| Hartford | Igniting the Way: Pathway to College Grace Academy | AmeriCorps VISTA | 2 | 3 | \$17,935 | \$48,954 | 1 |
| Hartford | Jumpstart Connecticut Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 2 | 28 | \$35,081 | \$59,258 | 4 |
| Hartford | Knox Hartford The Corps Network | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 6 | \$17,445 | \$37,500 | - |
| Hartford | National Legal Aid & Defender Association II National Legal Aid & Defender Association | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Hartford | Notre Dame AmeriCorps - Hartford Notre Dame Mission Volunteers Program, Inc. | AmeriCorps National | 3 | 11 | \$65,120 | \$106,419 | 10 |
| Hartford | SCA CT Student Conservation Association, Inc. | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 1 | \$1,566 | \$201 | - |
| Hartford | The Village VISTA Collaborative The Village for Families & Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps VISTA | 2 | 5 | \$29,950 | \$81,783 | 1 |

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| Hartford | United Way Youth and Parent Success Project United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Hartford | YouthBuild Hartford, CT YouthBuild USA, Inc | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 10 | \$15,384 | \$24,892 | - |
| Manchester | Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA Campus Compact | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 2 | \$12,015 | \$32,829 | - |
| Manchester | Jumpstart Connecticut Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 2 | 40 | \$50,265 | \$84,654 | 36 |
| Middletown | Trail Building & Maintenance in Connecticut (September 17 - October 15, 2019) Connecticut Forest and Park Association | AmeriCorps NCCC | 1 | 7 | - | - | - |
| Milford | R01-3502-CT-ANY-XXX - American Red Cross - Milford, CT (February 10 - March 29, 2019) FEMA-Region 1 HQ-Boston | AmeriCorps NCCC | 1 | 5 | - | - | - |
| New Britain | Jumpstart Connecticut Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 3 | 37 | \$46,358 | \$78,305 | - |
| New Britain | NeighborWorks VISTA Program Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| New Haven | Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA Campus Compact | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 1 | \$5,920 | \$16,125 | 2 |
| New Haven | Connecticut Business Unit The Nature Conservancy | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 1 | \$5,920 | \$14,932 | 1 |
| New Haven | Improving Economic Opportunities Greater New Haven United Way of Greater New Haven | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 4 | \$23,680 | \$64,500 | 3 |
| New Haven | Jumpstart Connecticut Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 3 | 43 | \$53,986 | \$91,003 | 42 |
| New Haven | NeighborWorks VISTA Program Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 3 | \$13,130 | \$35,785 | - |
| New Haven | PAVE New Haven VISTA Project Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 1 | \$5,920 | \$16,125 | - |
| New Haven | Squash Haven Up2Us, Inc. | AmeriCorps National | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| New Haven | Teach For America-Connecticut Teach For America | AmeriCorps State | 54 | 113 | \$669,485 | \$58,000 | 92 |
| New London | Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA Campus Compact | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 1 | \$5,920 | \$16,125 | 2 |
| Norwich | CCUSA New Americans & Family Strengthening Catholic Charities USA | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Rockville | CT Food Justice VISTA Project University of Connecticut | AmeriCorps VISTA | 8 | 12 | \$71,740 | \$195,816 | - |
| Rockville | FoodCorps Connecticut FoodCorps, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 13 | 20 | \$118,575 | \$240,340 | 22 |
| Rockville | Jumpstart Connecticut Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 2 | 26 | \$32,576 | \$55,025 | 26 |
| Sherwood Manor | Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA Campus Compact | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| South Coventry | Jumpstart Connecticut Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 1 | 8 | \$10,023 | \$16,931 | - |

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|-------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Stamford | Keep America Beautiful Keep America Beautiful | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 2 | \$12,190 | \$33,408 | 1 |
| Stonington | NESS SEA AmeriCorps Program New England Science & Sailing Foundation | AmeriCorps State | 4 | 14 | \$82,880 | \$186,200 | 9 |
| Storrs | Jumpstart Connecticut Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 2 | 8 | \$10,023 | \$16,931 | 7 |
| Tariffville | Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA Campus Compact | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 1 | \$5,920 | \$16,125 | 1 |
| Tariffville | FIRST AmeriCorps VISTA FIRST | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 2 | \$11,840 | \$32,250 | - |
| Waterbury | Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA Campus Compact | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Waterbury | Health360 Health360 | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 1 | \$5,920 | \$12,325 | 2 |
| Waterbury | Health360 Opioid Crisis Intervention Health360 | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 1 | \$6,095 | \$16,704 | 1 |
| Waterbury | HealthForward Health360 | AmeriCorps State | 4 | 11 | \$65,645 | \$153,016 | 11 |
| West Haven | Connecticut Veterans Legal Center Equal Justice Works | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 1 | \$1,253 | \$2,640 | - |
| Westport | Horizons National Horizons National | AmeriCorps VISTA | 2 | 2 | \$11,840 | \$32,250 | 2 |
| Wethersfield | Economic Mobility AmeriCorps VISTA Project United Way Worldwide | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 1 | \$5,920 | \$16,125 | 1 |
| Wethersfield | EdCorpsCT Governors Partnership to Protect Connecticut's Workforce | AmeriCorps State | 1 | 9 | \$53,280 | \$123,155 | - |
| Willimantic | Jumpstart Connecticut Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 2 | 30 | \$37,624 | \$63,491 | 28 |
| AMERICORPS TOTAL | | | 195 | 627 | \$2,452,722 | \$3,962,212 | 415 |

Senior Corps

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|-------------|---|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Bridgeport | Career Resources, Inc. Career Resources, Inc. | Foster Grandparent Program | 10 | 67 | - | \$402,778 | 70 |
| Danbury | The Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut, Inc. The Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut | RSVP | 4 | 52 | - | \$40,500 | 40 |
| Hartford | CRT - RSVP Program Community Renewal Team, Inc. | RSVP | - | - | - | - | 340 |
| Hartford | Foster Grandparent Program NBBBS Nutmeg Big Brothers/Sisters Inc. | Foster Grandparent Program | 35 | 112 | - | \$496,862 | 86 |
| Hartford | Greater Hartford-Central CT RSVP Community Renewal Team, Inc. | RSVP | 33 | 375 | - | \$159,460 | - |
| Jewett City | Thames Valley Council for Community Action Thames Valley Council for Community Action | RSVP | - | - | - | - | 218 |

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|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| New Haven | Greater New Haven FGP Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut | Foster Grandparent Program | 11 | 69 | - | \$321,800 | 59 |
| New Haven | Greater New Haven SCP Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut | Senior Companion Program | 10 | 75 | - | \$367,970 | 68 |
| New London | Windham/Tolland & Southern New London Thames Valley Council for Community Action | RSVP | 14 | 139 | - | \$139,266 | - |
| North Haven | RSVP of South Central CT Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut | RSVP | 11 | 168 | - | \$152,882 | 162 |
| Waterbury | Central Naugatuck Valley FGP New Opportunities, Inc. | Foster Grandparent Program | 15 | 58 | - | \$280,970 | 58 |
| Waterbury | New Opportunities Inc. RSVP New Opportunities, Inc. | RSVP | 26 | 181 | - | \$130,806 | 190 |
| Waterbury | New Opportunities Senior Companion Program New Opportunities, Inc. | Senior Companion Program | 11 | 66 | - | \$314,374 | 70 |
| SENIOR CORPS TOTAL | | | 180 | 1,362 | - | \$2,807,668 | 1,361 |

Other Funding

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|----------------------------|---|--|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Hartford | Connecticut Commission on Community Service | State Commission Investment Funds | - | - | - | \$415,082 | - |
| Hartford | Connecticut Commission on Community Service | State Commission Operations Support | - | - | - | \$265,000 | - |
| Hartford | FY2019 CHC Surge Funding Connecticut Commission on Community Service | Training and Technical Assistance | - | - | - | \$27,846 | - |
| Waterbury | FY2019 CHC Surge Funding Health360 | Training and Technical Assistance | - | - | - | \$3,279 | - |
| OTHER FUNDING TOTAL | | | - | - | - | \$711,207 | - |

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